

House Resolution 1591

By: Representative Keown of the 173rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing John Faircloth; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, John Faircloth, a distinguished resident of Thomasville, Georgia, and currently
3 a member of the Dawson Street Baptist Church, has been a faithful servant of the church for
4 many years and continues as an active Gideon in the Thomasville community; and

5 WHEREAS, in March 1948, John and several other men of the community began a prison
6 ministry which continues to this day at the Thomas County Prison, including conducting
7 church services at the prison each Sunday, and when a state grant became available, the
8 ministry expanded to include a full program of Bible study on Monday and Tuesday, church
9 services on Wednesday and Sunday, and vocational courses for the inmates in coordination
10 with the Thomas County Area Technical School; and

11 WHEREAS, for many years, John has served as an unpaid counselor for the prison and
12 continues to remain on call for counseling support any time he is needed; he has worked with
13 local churches to provide counseling to the men when they were released from prison; and
14 he has helped find jobs for many of them after they paid their debt to society; and

15 WHEREAS, in 1997, the Thomasville-Thomas County Chamber of Commerce recognized
16 his selfless giving to the community and to the Thomas County inmates in awarding him
17 with the well-deserved humanitarian award; and

18 WHEREAS, John has loved and prayed for these men for over 60 years.

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
20 the members of this body recognize John Faircloth for his giving heart and loving spirit in
21 ministering to the inmates of Thomas County Prison.

- 1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
- 2 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to John Faircloth.